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ONE IN CHRIST

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South nor North;
But one great Fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find,
His service is the golden cord,
Close-binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, Brothers of the Faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West
In Him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

THE TOWN THAT GOD FORGOT.

By Harvey Virgil Miller

f God has not forgotten Pescadero, His chil-n have. This beautiful little California city be-e the sea has not had a Protestant church ser-e since last June. With a population of a thou-d souls, a new growing high school, and a mmar school, this town has no Sunday school. has two churches and a parsonage, with the en grass growing all around the Congregational ipment and little children growing like weeds h no spiritual organized leadership.

What is the matter? "Long, long ago" the ethodists abandoned the field. Three years ago mmunity Service, Inc., sent an organizer in and community organized itself and has purchased their abandoned church and made a community center out of it. There is a free program Fridays at 8 p. m., and a paid movie program Sundays at 8 p. m. The center is open under the care of a lady attendant every day from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m., and is the home of various helpful activities.

The first day of last July the Congregational minister who spent his week ends at the church got another call and left. The community he left has been calling in its need every since but no ear seems sensitive enough to hear. The parsonage is rented and the rent goes to the denomination at the city. The church is silent and dusty. The grass grows through the boards of the back porch. Have we, Congregationalists, no responsibility to this community? Some fine old couple by just living in this parsonage and community could shed God's grace around and with a Sunday school could help the little children. Some fine, well trained young woman could do a fine piece of work here. Pescadero is 56 miles south of San Francisco and 20 miles south of Half Moon Bay, and is reached by automobile only. They have as fine people as you ever met and an unsurpassed community spirit. They have a newspaper, schools, etc., but so far as they are concerned either God or the Protestant denominations has forgotten them.

Pacific School of Religion Berkeley, Calif.

Dr. Rheinhardt Strecker of Darmstadt, Germany, says young people are insisting upon a new order of things. One organization of young workmen has pledged itself against alcohol. He says that Germany is not merely a beer-drinking nation; it consumes enormous quantities of whiskey; and the distillers are the strongest foes of prohibition in the country He claims that the newspapers have given the German people a false idea of the success of Prohibition in America. Two German cities the other day in an election voted 90% for prohibition.

A peril of the preacher is that he will give his folk rhetoric for thought. Oratory for the pulpit is a perilous art; it is beset by slippery pitfalls. The publicity seeker may use it; but the sincere man must watch lest he abuse it.

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MOTHER

God thought to give the sweetest thing
In His almighty power
To earth; and deeply pondering
What it should be, one hour,
In fondest joy and love of heart
Outweighing every other,
He moved the gates of Heaven apart
And gave to earth—a Mother.

MINISTERIAL PERQUISITES

The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lima, Ohio, Warren L. Steeves, has broken from the ranks. He marries everybody whom he is willing to marry, free of charge.

Of course that has created some hard feeling in the hearts of the other preachers in that city. Why shouldn't it?

Mr. Steeves is very inconsiderate,—not of the newly married,—but of the parsons. Think of the disaster that would come to their ranks if that plague should spread.

One church in dickering with a prospective pastor offered as an inducement that his "ministerial perqisites" (meaning the wedding fees he would be able to pick up from runaway couples, divorcees, and such like) would go as high as fifty dollars a month.

The unfortunate part of that transaction is that the parson will be unconsciously sitting close by his office telephone at all hours of day and night, ready to jump at every nuptial prospect.

Some parsons even now lie around outside the County Clerk's office, or like one clerical renegade in Oakland, rent an office just across the street, waiting spider-like for the next pair of flies to buzz by.

A writer in the Christian Century says it has been the rule of his life never to take fees for performing marriage ceremoniesc. If that were the custom of all preachers, there would be little temptation to perform undesirable rites. It takes some courage, not of the highest order, to turn dow na customer when that means the loss of ten dollars for a five-minute job.

How would it do for preachers to try the experiment of refusing all fees, to see if that would not clean up the roster of ecclesiastically-blessed marriages? We would like to see the experiment tested for a twelve-month.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORISM IN PERIL

Unless the Christian Endeavor movement in California can be rescued by its friends from the reactionary theologians it is doomed. Endeavorism has no right to teach any theology, reactionary or progressive. It seems to be in the grip of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. It has got to break loose from that bondage if it is to command the adherence and respect of our Congregational churches.

While Dr. A. M. Tozzer, professor of Anthropology and Curator of the Peabody Museum of Harvard College, was lecturing to the Pomona College students on the latest scientific facts concerning the evolution of man, speakers at the C. E. convention in Pomona were expressing their contempt of science and education and educational institutions.

Rev. Bob Schuler referred to colleges as "evolution schools," and said that the faculty were "educated infidels." Another speaker at the convention declared that he was "tired of having men who do not know God or Christ or the Bible teach the people of America." "I am referring," he said, "to the teachers and the scientists and the educated men who denounce the infallibility of the Word and set themselves to tear down the very foundations of the Christian Religion and the Bible. Do not listen to those who say that man came from a monkey."

One writer says, "It is a regrettable fact that the Christian Endeavor organization seems to be wholly controlled by the element reresenting the 'fundamentalist' theory, demanding the acceptance of the 'infallible Word' as interpreted by themselves as the infallible guides to divine truth."

TWO CHURCHES NOT TO UNITE

The Oakland First Church voted quite unanimously to accept the offer of $287,000 for its property. Upon that decision an agitation began for the union of this historic church with Plymouth Church, which Charles L. Kloss is just leaving.

Committees have had the matter under careful consideration, but when the decision came up before the separate organizations they both voted it would be better not to combine their forces.

The First church has a large contingent in West Oakland which it is serving. The pro-

efore the church is to get a new location where suitable building may be erected to answer all eir purposes and at the same time not to neglect eir field which they have so completely occupied. he church has now a membership of 1700.

ONDAY CLUB PICNIC LARGELY ATTENDED

On Monday, May 21, the Pilgrim Fathers and others with some Pilgrimettes of the Bay region ended their happy way out to Spring Valley ater Park at Sunol for their annual picnic. The ay was perfect, and everybody was happy. hrough the courtesy of Mr. Wallace Ebright, su-erintendent of the Company, the picnickers had e privilege of using his private grounds for their njoyment.

It was the most largely attended picnic the Con-egational families have had; there were sixty all at the middy meal; a good representation me from the Santa Clara Association.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT OF PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

The graduation exercises of the Pacific School Religion were held on the evening of May the ird at eight p. m. , in the First Congregational hurch of Berkeley. The Scripture lesson was ad by the Reverend Harvey Virgil Miller of the ass of 1915. Prayer was offered by the Rever-d Hugh Vernon White of the Class of 1916. he Commencement address by Chief Justice Cur-s D. Wilbur on the topic, "Writing God Into the nstitution," was a clear, forceful challenge to e Church, and especially to the ministry, to be ue to the civic duties which devolve upon Chris-ans.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred on iss Florence Amelia Runnells, Mrs. Mary Louisa Hodes, and Rev. Carl Douglass Wells. The de-ee of Bachelor of Divinity was conferred on Mr. arion Hiller Dunsmore and Mr. Lloyd Louis Lor-er. Mr. Dunsmore is to take post graduate work Chicago Divinity School. Mr. Wells is to con-ue his work at Pacific School of Religion next ar. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity as conferred on the Reverend W. R. H. Hodgkin, alumnus of the Class of 1912, who has per-rmed distinctive service not only as Rector of . Mark's Church but in the social welfare work the city of Berkeley.

Unusual interest attached to the conferring of e degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology on ven-able Dr. William C. Pond of San Francisco, hose long and fruitful service to the cause of hrist in California and as a Trustee for many ars of this institution made the conferring of is degree especially fitting. It was an impres-sive scene when the degree was conferred by President Swartz, and the audience rose spontaneously in honor of "the grand old man," as he has been well termed. Dr. Pond led in closing prayer and benediction.

President Swartz announced that during the year 142 persons had been admitted to the various churches served by the members of the school.

At the Alumni luncheon on the lawn of the School the post-prandial exercises were presided over by the newly elected President of the Alumni, Dr. B. J. Morris. Addresses were made by Dr. Loyal L. Wirt, who had just returned from an extended tour in the service of the Near East Relief, Rev. W. H. Hermitage of Sacramento, Rev. Hugh Vernon White, and others. The plans of the new library and administration buildngs were exhibited by President Swartz.

An atmosphere of hopefulness and Chrstian fellowship characterized the day.

JOHN W. BUCKHAM.

The Federal Council of Churches the one great agency that unites nearly everything Protestant in America, is asking the Congregational churches for $15,000 for support. Our 800,000 members ought easily to raise double that amount. The appeal has the endorsement of our Commission on Missions. Each pastor and church treasurer can discover how much ought to be sent to Alfred Kimball, 105 East 22nd St., New York, by simply figuring one-half of one per cent of the assigned apportionment of the church. We Congregationalists believe in co-operation; here is an opportunity to bring forth fruit according to our faith.

THE END OF THE TRAIL

On the last day in May, Charles Luther Kloss finished his notable service with Plymouth Church, Oakland. He has been pastor of that church for five years and eight months, having begun there in October of 1917. We have already spoken of his great success in rescuing that church from almost ruinous debt.

During these many months he has delivered over one thousand sermons and addresses; has made more than five thousand pastoral calls; has received 435 members, conducted 236 funerals, and had nearly two hundred weddings. The many helpful interviews he has had in his office, and the amount of good cheer he has instilled into troubled souls by his youthful optimism would be difficult to tabulate.

So much having been done, and well done, encourages all his friends hereabouts with the hope and desire that he will still spend and be spent in the service of the churches about the San

Francisco Bay. He journeys abroad for the summer with a party of tourists, and he may be sure of a welcome back when he turns his face westward again.

VACATING NORTH BEACH

After a long and careful consideration of the matter the Bay Association Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to discontinue its North Beach work in San Francisco. This work dates back as far as 1865 or even earlier. It was at first an English-speaking work and has gone under the name of Fourth church and Green Street church.

Harry H. Wickoff was for many years its pastor. As the population changed the nature of the work was also changed. Robert Walker came from New York to take charge of it as a foreign-speaking work; it then carried on among the Italians and Spanish people of the neighborhood.

Recently the expense was supposed to be shared by the different denominations and the Y. M. C. A. in a sort of federated work; but this has not proven altogether satisfactory. The trustees thought that the accomplishments were not commensurate with the expense, the major part of which seemed to be laid upon the Congregationalists.

The field is now left as a mandate to the Methodists. The Conference owns the property and the Conference Trustees have authorized its sale; the funds are to be put in the treasury of the Conference after $8,000 has been paid to the Church Building Society, that being their equity.

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION

The twentieth anniversary of the founding of the First Congregational Church, Ceres, and the quarter centennial of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Geo. E. Atkinson, were celebrated from Saturday to Monday, May 19-21, 1923. From the picnic luncheon on Saturday at the ranch of E. W. Cook, where the church was organized, till the breaking of the ground on Monday for the new parish house, there was one round of happy fellowship and good cheer such as one seldom experiences.

Letters of greeting were read from former pastors, and the second pastor, Rev. Dennis Goodsell, was present to offer his felicitations. A number of former members came to the celebration and many others sent letters of reminiscence and greeting. The history of the church was prepared and read by Mrs. E. W. Cook under the title of "The Growth of a Mustard Seed."

Wm. J. Minchin, superintendent of the Congregational Churches of Northern California, and Professor Geo. T. Tolson of the Pacific School of Religion gave addresses. G. W. T

EASTER ADDITIONS IN OREGON

	Conf.	T
Condon	10	
Corvallis First	6	
Eugene	4	
Forest Grove	10	
Hillsboro	3	
Ingle Chapel	8	
Jennings Lodge	2	
Oregon City	26	
Oswego	0	
Portland:		
Alamenda Park	2	
First	11	
Parkrose	3	
Pilgrim	1	
St. Johns	5	
Sunnyside	14	
Waverly Heights	6	
University Park	5	
Salem First	1	
St. Helena	8	
Totals	125	

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

A fine opportunity for study, fellowship training is offered to the High School young ple of our Northern California Congregati churches in a conference to be held in Gue wood Park on the Russian River, June 19 to inclusive. The rates are attractive; one dollar registration, and $3.00 per day for all exper If one will provide his own food and bedding can have it for $1.00 per day. There is going be some high grade work done at the Con ence; and of course there will be bushels of in the afternoons. Secretary Dodge at 423 I lan Building should be conferred with by all t purposing to go.

Churches could do no better thing than to out two or three of their most promising yo people and pay their way up there. The retu will be one-hundred fold.

BOOKS

For the minister who has passed from the understanding of the Bible to the newer, and wishes to be helpful to the highest degree those in his congregation who still are "in betweens," Rolin H. Walker's "A Study of G sis and Exodus," by the Questionnaire Meth will prove immensely helpful. The author that the task of the Bible teacher today is

at of the railroad crew who are repairing the adbed; they must do so without interfering th the traffic. So the teacher must lead the ident from the old to the new without interfer- g with his faith. The little volume is full of ritual value. (The Methodist Book Concern.)

Dr. Cherrington, the General Secretary of the orld League Against Alcoholism, has issued a mpact volume of 182 pages entitled "America d the World Liquor Problem." Those desiring make a study of the matter in its world-wide plications are cordially referred to the book. starts with America, and goes on out into the gger places. Its last chapters are The Call of e World; and America's Opportunity. There are ternational phases of the question; and they e here broadly and lucidly discussed. The Amer- an Issue Press, Westerville, Ohio.)

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Already plans are making with reference to the nnual Meeting of the Northern California Con- rence next October at Asilomar,—the retreat the sea.

The Trustees have wisely decided to have an genda of procedure planned for that gathering, that everybody will know just what business coming before the delegates and also just when. Oftentimes matters of great importance come p for decision when there is small attendance resent or when persons who desire to partici- ate in the special affair are unaware that the usiness is to come up for consideration. This ew scheme of the trustees will obviate that dif- culty, and we rather think that it will also facili- te all the business of the Conference. This im- rovement is another evidence that we have a ery fine body of men acting as guardians and anagers of our affairs.

THE MINISTERS

Rev. W. W. Riley, who is in fact the Congre- ational Bishop of Trinity county, has revived the ork at Lewiston. We used to have a church in hat neighborhood, but for various reasons, good nd bad, it had languished and vanished. Mr. iley has recently started a Sunday school.

Rev. J. J. Kelly has resigned at Lockeford after n earnest and faithful pastorate of four years.

Rev. Vernon White, who recently came from he Hawaiian Islands, has received a very cordial all from the Redwood City church to be its pastor.

Burton M. Palmer of the Santa Cruz church onducted a novel and very interesting "After- inner toasting," in connection with the Santa Clara Association. He styled it "The Toast-mas- ter's Cook Book"; and among the recipes and queries were these: "Is there too much crust on the pie-us? When is a sermon done? Dishes we used to serve (reminiscences of former associa- tions); Fryers and broilers (how to serve the young)? Kneading the dough (hints on church finances); At what age should we kill the min- ister? Cooking the bacon, what kinds of mem- bers hurt the church? Black coffee, how to keep people awake?" Of course there was humor in it; but of course there was also wisdom and value. This cannot be said of all after-dinner affairs.

Rev. William E. Eckles of Campbell has been laid aside for a while with an attack of tonsilitis.

Rev. William A. Youngman of Mill Valley was several weeks in quarantine on account of the sickness of his little daughter.

Rev. Roscoe Douglas and wife have been tak- ing their vacation early this year in the northern part of the state.

The good people of Plymouth Church and also of all Oakland met on Thursday evening, May 24, to give Charles L. Kloss a good send-off at the end of his pastorate. The address of the evening was given by O. W. S. McCall of Berkeley First.

A check for $1,000 was given Dr. Kloss as a to- ken of love.

W. T. McElveen of Portland First church has accused the Anti-Saloon of falling down on their job in Portland. During a strike in that city the I. W. W. strike committee closed up all the dives, which the Police and the Anti-Saloon League (he says) ought to have closed.

Prof. H. S. Tuttle of Forest Grove has been giving lectures on "Castles of Sand"; "The Great God Pan"; and "The Leopard's Spots."

Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Buckham are in the East this summer for a family reunion at Burlington, Vermont.

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George H. Himes, long-time correspondent for the Pacific in the olden days, was banqueted in Portland, Oregon, upon the arrival of his 79th birthday. Mr. Himes is the curator of the Oregon Historical Society. He says that whatever contribution he has made in his position is due to his "insistence upon detail."

Prof. C. H. Ham and wife have sailed for Europe where they plan to spend the summer. They expect to be back in California some time next September.

Mrs. Helen Ranney went to the Lane Hospital on the 21st day of May for a minor operation. She is reported as rapidly recovering.

Rev. Allen C. Blaisdell, son of the President of Pomona College, was married in New York to Miss Josephine Bell. The bride is a graduate of Barnard College and has been in attendance at Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Blaisdell is assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Utica, N. Y.

THE COUNTRY COMMUNITY.

Men had an experience of God, and out of that experience, according to Dean Shailer Mathews, they wrote the Bible. Something along the same line is the thought of Warren H. Wilson in the introduction to "The Evolution of the Country Community." He says, "The sources of religion are believed by the writer to be in the vital experiences of the people themselves," The Bible, thinks he, is not such a source, nor the ministry, nor other religious methods or materials; these he regards as the disciplining forces of religion.

This volume is a second edition, revised and enlarged, and more fully expressing the mature judgment of the writer. This is probably the best discussion of the Country Community which we have, especially with reference to the work of the church.

In the first chapters the author goes into the historical development of these communities, showing the first settlement and their transformations. The changes that have taken place in our land have been nowhere so complete as in the rural areas.

Perhaps the most valuable section of the book is the sixth chapter, entitled "Kinds of People." One does not know this land until he has set before him some such analysis as this chapter yields. An interesting geographical chart illuminates the text.

According to Mr. Wilson the country church h two duties: it ought to inspire. It is the busine of other agencies to impart practical skill and ec nomic knowledge. But there are more serious nee than these; "no section of modern life is so d pendent upon idealism as are the people who li in the country." More than that, the preach "should know how to construct out of modern li ideals which are organic and social." According the author, in the country communities "vision a inspiration are the duties of religious leaders."

Each page has its bit of wisdom and illuminatio Those who minister in rural districts ought to ha the reading of this valuable publication. But he is a suggestion from the last page of the book whic will prove as useful for the city pastor: "The mi ister who is friend of the poor will promptly fi himself beloved and honored by everybody, becau he brings comfort to the whole society in which h labors. It does not matter what his sect be, he wi find himself a community pastor if he makes hi self serviceable to the poor of the community (The Evolution of the Country Community, by Wa ren H. Wilson, LL.D. Pages 259; price $2.25. Th Pilgrim Press, Boston.)

THE SAN FRANCISCO OF MEXICO

By Helen B. Ranney

There is a strategic opportunity on the Pacif Coast for Congregationalists, and that is at Ma atlan, Mexico.

Situated just opposite the tip of Lower Cal fornia, it has a harbor so large and beautif that it is called the San Francisco of Mexico. trunk line is being built to connect the City wit South America. Already a through sleeper goe three times a week from Los Angeles. A sma railroad runs east into the mountains where li rich mines. Mazatlan is the feeder of these mi ing communities. The soil has infinite possibil ties as soon as water can be brought to it. looks as if some day the city would be one of th great trading ports of Mexico.

The "wets" have realized the possibilities her and already there are three large breweries. fourth one, costing a million dollars, is bein built. It seems as if it were time the church als met the challenge. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, rep resenting the American Board, have been carryin on work for two years. Last fall the Woman' Board of Missions for the Pacific opened a scho for girls at Mazatlan, as a part of its Jubilee plan For some time requests have been coming for thi school from the Mexico Mission. Dissatisfactio with the present Government Schools where th

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iscipline is poor, the morals lax, the standard f work low, made the parents loath to send heir girls to be under such influences. Thouands of girls working under bad physical and oral conditions present another chance for serice to the Church.

This work should appeal especially to the Pafic Coast and the South, as the Mexicans are in n especial way our neighbors. A good deal of oney made in California comes from Mexico, or made through Mexican laborers. We do not so ften see the higher class of Mexicans here, therefore all do not realize the fine types there are. t some of our colleges Mexican students have ade good,—some of them having been brilliant. here is a great future for that country if we nd a neighborly hand. Surely it is a much better investment to build up schools for Mexico, hich will bring to them our highest ideals, and eget a better understanding between the counies and also a clearer realization of their finer ossibilities and accomplishments, than to have to end down soldiers to keep order on our border.

POMONA COLLEGE NEWS

Commencement at Pomona College will be from ne 14 to 18, inclusive. On Friday a Senior play, If I Were King," will be given in the open-air eatre. The President will preach the Baccalauate sermon on Sunday.

Last year Ponoma College refused admission to 0 applicants for the lack of room and funds. his year the college will have to repeat the exerience. The limit of academic enrollment is 50; and there are practically that number alady applying to enter the Freshman Class of whom ly 225 will be admitted.

LODI'S CELEBRATION

Golden Jubilees are not so common on this past as they are back in New England. One hunred years here mean more than three hundred ere.

The Lodi church was organized in 1873, and this past month it has had its fiftieth anniverry. The program covered Friday, Saturday and nday, May 4, 5 and 6. Charles L. Kloss, H. Gill, W. J. Minchin, Mrs. Helen Ranney, and hn B. Silcox brought strong and helpful mesges to the people.

Some of the singers were dressed in costumes fifty years ago. The music was inspiring. The urch history was read by Mrs. Alida Whyers, hile Mrs. Hannah Jeoffrey, the historian emeris, appeared in a wedding gown of a half-cenry ago. The historical address spoke feelingly of the former pastors of the church and some of the leading workers.

On Sunday morning a very large congregation partook of the Lord's Supper. Nineteen new members were welcomed into the church. A few Sundays previous other 15 had been received.

The pastor, Rev. C. H. Stevens, feels that the effect of the anniversary celebration has been to encourage the officers and members to go on even to larger things.

NEWS FROM OREGON

Ashland; N. J. Oldfield, pastor. At the recent canvass for 1923 the church nearly doubled its budget. The annual meeting showed 60 per cent increase in membership. The pastor's salary has been increased by $200.00.

Clackamas—A Home Department of the Sunday School numbers more members than does the Sunday School proper. Plans are being considered for the enlargement of the church building.

Corvallis—Vesper services were held during the winter. Special music was furnished by the College and High School organizations. A canvass of attendance at one of these services showed 110 Congregationalists and 140 other denominations. There are 156 Congregational students attending the Agricultural College.

Highland, Portland, has called Rev. Reul P. Snider. Mr. Snider is a son of Rev. A. B. Snider of Oregon. He is a graduate of the University of California, of Pacific School of Religion and took graduate work at Harvard. He began his work at Highland, March 25th.

Parkrose, Portland.—Additional equipment has been provided for the work, consisting of a new communion set, a new piano purchased by the High School class of girls, and a dozen chairs for the Primary department. Improvements have also been made in the basement. The urgent need is a parsonage. The pastor has had to move four times during the past six months and rents are abnormally high.

Silverton dedicated its new church building on April 15th. Special services were held both morning and evening. The dedication service was in the afternoon. Superintendent C. H. Harrison preached the sermon. In the morning Prof. Tuttle spoke and W. C. Kantner in the evening. The work promises large development under the leadership of Rev. Clayton Judy.

St. Helena has recently purchased pews from the Disciples Church for $500.00 cash. Two new pianos, one for the auditorium and one for the social hall, were also bought during the month. Easter Sunday evening "The Dawning," a beauti-

ful pageant of the resurrection, was given, and repeated the following Sunday.

Waverly Heights reports 200 in the Sunday School Easter Sunday and large attendance at both morning and evening services. The need for additional room for the work is being felt. The Ladies' Societies are doing a large amount of community visitation and the men of the church are helping out in the boys' work.

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held in San Jose on May 8 and 9. The hospitality of the church was highly appreciated by all delegates. The only churches not represented were Saratoga and San Mateo. Last year San Mateo was the only unrepresented church.

The Associational sermon was preached by W. A. Hensell of Soquel. There were four outstanding addresses during the meeting. Supt. Minchin gave his impressions of our work which he had received from a visit at our various association meetings. President Knoles of the College of the Pacific spoke on "The present status of the League of Nations." Charles L. Kloss in an evening address gave his impressions growing out of a visit to Europe last summer.

In a very attractive and informing fashion Willard B. Thorp discussed "The Religion of William James." This surely is an address that should have a much wider hearing among our people. It is based upon a study of the letters of Prof. James and also his answers to a most intimate questionnaire.

The question of Organic Union as proposed by the National Council came before this association for action. As too often happens an important matter is offered for adoption, somebody moves it be adopted ,and forthwith it is adopted. Not so with the Santa Clara people. This subject was discussed, thoroughly aired, debated, and finally thrown into the waste-paper basket, only two independent souls voting in favor of adoption. It was refreshing to hear these Santa Clarans express their convictions; there's independence and individuality down there at any rate.

Prof. T. R. Glover, writing for the Daily News, says that modern criticism has done one good thing at any rate for all schools of thought,—it has "shifted the balance of interest from Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ and the new life." He feels that it should have the credit which belongs to it, in making Jesus the most absorbing topic of all to the men of today.

Children's Sermons

BY WILLARD BROWN THORP

THE WOODPECKER'S WINTER STORE-HOUSE.

Perhaps you think birds have nothing to do but just play all the time. But the birds, too, are busy workers, and some of them take a great deal of thought for the morrow.

You know what acorns look like,—nuts with little caps on them and a bitter taste. Well, the woodpeckers store up acorns for their winter food. If the acorn is kept high and dry out of the mud, a little grub or worm will grow in the tender base of it, just what woodpeckers like to eat.

So as your mother cans her fruit in summer, the woodpecker cans his acorns. Only there is no grocer to sell him Mason jars. He has to work very hard to make a place to store his acorns. With his sharp beak he digs holes in the bark of a big tree. Perhaps you have seen great pine and fir trees in the mountains all covered with these holes. Each of them the woodpecker makes just big enough to hold an acorn. Then he breaks off the little cap of the acorn and carries the nut up and sticks it in one of the holes, the point in and the tender base sticking out so he can get at the worm when it is ready to be eaten some time in the winter.

Who do you suppose taught the woodpeckers to do all this? One little girl said she thought it was "Nature." Yes, Nature taught them. But Nature is only another name for our Heavenly Father, who provides food for all His children and teaches them.

THE WONDERFUL WAY OF LIVING

It is with this caption that Dean Bosworth begins the first chapter of his new book upon the Christian life. Every one knows that you cannot measure the bigness of a book by the number of its pages. Here is a handy little volume of less than a hundred pages; yet it is full of nourishing food it is illuminating and inspiring.

If one's first impression of the book derived from its title—"What it means to be a Christian" is that the writer has a rather limited area of investigation; he will not have read very long before he will discover that Dean Bosworth ranges far and wide over the whole field of Christian thinking.

There are so many good things in the book, one scarcely knows where to begin with their mention. Take for instance the matter of what Brother Lawrence called the "'Practice of the presence of God" what some later writers speak of as an "experience of God." There are many souls unable to recognize this coveted "experience" as among their po

sessions. How comforting, how illuminating for them will be Dean Bosworth's chapter upon "Becoming aware of God."

Many are questioning in this materialistic epoch of our world if really there be any God at all. Here again the author will come with convincing, not dogmatic, evidence. "Is there a God?" he asks, and then in his beautiful persuasive and satisfying fashion he leads the soul out of the darkness into the light.

So he goes from chapter to chapter, through such matters as "prayer," and the "suffering of Jesus," and the "resurrection of Jesus," with some helpful words on the "Life after death."

It is a volume that meets the need of the day; it is clear, and comforting, and convincing.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SACRAMENTO.— According to the daily press, workmen razing the First Church, said to have been the oldest Protestant church building in California, discovered aged and rotting timbers in the roof supports, which were close to the breaking point. Had the roof caved in during the occupancy of the church, which was vacated only three weeks ago, there would probably have been loss of life. It is regarded by builders as a miracle that the structure did not give way. A main span was found almost cracked in two.

Stockton. It is a good sign of efficient service when a church continues to grow even if the pastor is soon to leave it. Harley H. Gill, who soon goes to Sacramento, reports that recently he has received into the Stockton church 29 new members of whom 12 were on confession of faith.

Campbell; W. E. Eckles, pastor. During the past year the church has shown a considerable activity. In the Sunday school each month a missionary story is told. The Christian Endeavorers have much strength and effectiveness; they number 37. The church has been remodeled and memorial windows add very much to the charm of the new interior.

Palo Alto; Willard B. Thorp, pastor. The outstanding feature of the recent past has been the vote of the church to come to self-support. Its 187 members have practically pledged in full a budget of $5,450. This is a remarkable record for a church that in 1920 was seriously considering going out of business. It shows what can be done with the right man in the right place. In place of a Sunday evening preaching service the pastor meets consecutively with two groups of young people; first High school age, and then the College age. Significant and valuable work is being done among the two groups. The Sunday school has 126 pupils with Reed B. Cherington as superintendent. The duplex envelopes are used by the Sunday school with success. One morning the ladies of the church gave an early breakfast which was largely patronized and netted something over $100 for the purchase of silver for the dining room.

Early in May, at the suggestion of the pastor, the Palo Alto church undertook to raise a special fund of $1,400 to clear up the last vestiges of its debt and install a new furnace. After a quiet canvass of two weeks among the members, the announcement was made that $1,425 had been subscribed of which over $500 had already been paid in.

Santa Cruz; Burton M. Palmer, pastor. "We are a better people for having our present pastor," was a sentence in the report of this church by its delegate at the Santa Clara Association meeting Such a sentence ought to furnish all the news that any one should desire. But the church also reports that a remarkable School of Missions was held with an average attendance of 200. There were four departments: men, women, young people and children. The income of the Sunday school has been $550. It also gave $130 for the Near-East, and $150 for missions. Fifty new members had been received of which 23 were on confession of faith. A new furnace was installed at an expense of $1200. We reported last month the death, only a few hours apart, of two deacons of the church who had served for many years. Some large part of the success of this work is due to a fine choir, whose voices the Conference heard at its last meeting in Asilomar.

San Jose: Fred W. Morrison, pastor. The fiftieth anniversary of the church is approaching; it is due in 1925. In view of that the pastor has preached on the 48th anniversary a sermon reviewing the first 25 years of the church history. Next year he promises to continue the story of the last 25 years. The auditorium has been renovated with great advantage of appearance, at a cost of $3,000. Every department of the church shows vigor. The Daily Vacation Bible School was a success.

Soquel; William A. Hensell, pastor. This is a small church but it is doing good work along certain lines. It has a very effective troop of Boy Scouts. During the past year the church has spent $360 in improvement of its property besides $500 on its very attractive parsonage. It has also added $300 to the salary of the pastor.

Sunnyvale Frank A. Bissell, pastor. The Sunday school, out of love for its former superin-

tendent, Will C. Beach, raised a memorial fund. Mr. Beach served the school for many a long year, even up to the time of his death. The whole community mourned his loss, for he was respected and loved by all. The woman's society of the church is a most flourishing organization. It is titled a "mite" society, but dubbed by outsiders a "mighty' society." The church, feeling a need of developing the social values, has each month a 'Friendship' supper, which is proving useful in creating and renewing friendship among its members. The musical service of the church is of a high order.

Redwood City; without a pastor. Since the going of C. H. Stevens to Lodi the church has been hearing ministers and ministers; and recently gave a call to Vernon White of Honolulu to become its pastor. Its new building, with memorial windows, and its pipe organ, in all costing $40,000, is awaiting a leader. It has given $1406 to missions; and has dropped 60 names from its roll as "dead timber."

Woodside; B. St. John, pastor. The church is small and the attendance not so very encouraging. The region is full of beauty and the people are warm-hearted. The pastor in a recent grief learned how he and his wife have been loved by their neighbors. Mr. St. John has served the church for seven years. One little girl in a letter of sympathy said (what a multitude of people might truthfully say), "We don't always do what we ought to do, but our hearts are all right." The Easter service filled the church auditorium and the offerings were about $100.

Cupertino; C. E. Robinson, pastor. This is a Union church with a Congregational pastor. The rural church has done wonders. It has 235 members, and has recently built a Sunday school annex at the cost of $8,000. Thirty-three new members were received during the year.

Berkeley, First; O. W. S. McCall, pastor. On the first Sunday in May, after the pastor had given an address or Communion Meditation on "A Healing Remembrance," he welcomed into covenant relations with the church seventy-one new members. It has been said of this service that it was most impressive. The attendance was large and there was scarcely room about the puplit for all those who desired to enter into membership. The church and congregation has had an unprecedented growth since the coming of the pastor. His sermons are always of a high order; men and women and many students have been strengthened and quickened by his message. In the evening of the same day Mr. McCall preached on "The Atheist in the Heart."

Oakland, First: R. C. Waddell, acting pasto The work is being carried along in a masterfr fashion in spite of the fact that the church lo its pastor, Francis J. Van Horn, some seve months ago. Mr. Waddell's chief attention wa to be centered upon the Young People's work. TH Church School Record shows that the school ha maintained a healthy attendance and intere through the Spring months. The average attend ance for April was 284; and the average offe ings were $15.87. In the Home Department C. H. Stevens of Lodi, is enrolled. She recent the School Mrs. E. A. Stevens, mother of Re celebrated her 88th birthday at the home of h son.

Berkeley, North; Ralph B. Larkin, pastor. C May 6, five new members were received. TH pastor preached a sermon stimulative of earne thought on "Christianity is Religion; not a R ligion."

Honolulu, Central Union; Albert W. Palme pastor. The Easter services were put forth in booklet form, attractive, and indicative of th large undertakings of this church . A Chorus Cho of forty voices sang the cantata "The Darke Hour." Thirty-six new members were welcome into the church, twenty-five of them on confessio

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Two years ago the campaign for funds for a new structure, "The church in a Garden," resulted in pledges and cash to the amount of $250,000. Now a campaign is on to raise $160,000 more for the Sunday school buildings and the completion of the spire of the church. In four days $130,000 was pledged and the remainder is in sight. The church now under construction, designed by R. A. Cram of Boston, is to be built of stone of colonial style. It will have a seating capacity of a thousand, with room for three hundred more when desired. The entire investment, including the eight-acre site, will be about $540,000.

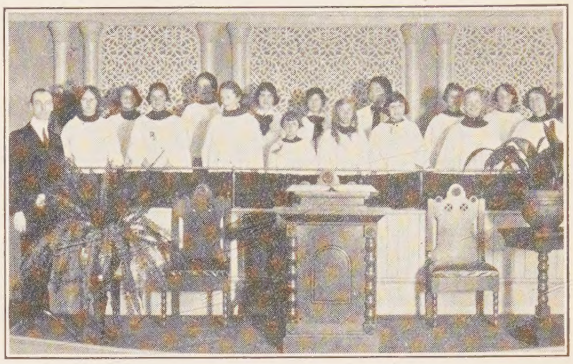
Kenwood; Wm. H. Hannaford, pastor. The church has prospered since the coming of Mr. Hannaford. Recently ten new members were received, three of them on confession. Of these members seven were women and three men. Deacon O. E. Baker, who had served the church for many years, passed over to the other side in January;—a "good and faithful servant," as was written on his army discharge in 1865.

Glenwood; Wm. H. Hannaford, pastor. There were two members added to the membership on Easter evening, and one baby was baptized. The church is giving a series of socials the profits of which will be used for shingling the building. Already the church has secured new song books.

Petaluma; Henry Stauffer, pastor. This church congratulates itself on having so good a pastor. His ministry has proved a wonderful solace to those in affliction. Twenty-five members have been received since last October. The men's banquet, which had as its guest of honor and speaker, Dr. Arthur S. Phelps of Berkeley, was attended by sixty men and was a decided success. Three pageants have been presented by the Endeavorers, under the direction of the pastor and his capable wife. The first was "The Secret of Success," or "Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem." The second was "When He Came to Himself," the parable of the prodigal son, written by the pastor. The third was an Easter pageant, "The Triumph of Love." These were very acceptable and stressed great moral truths. On the 27th inst. a debate by four Endeavorers proved most interesting and helpful. The proposition discussed was: Resolved—That in view of the present moral crisis in this country, Home Missions should be emphasized more than Foreign Missions. The Easter offering for church improvements was $800. The church building is to be painted and thoroughly renovated this summer. The outlook is encouraging.

THE ALAMEDA SUNDAY SCHOOL

The assembly room has been beautifully decorated the walls in olive green, the woodwork in white ivory, and the ceiling in light cream all financed by the members of the Sunday school. They gave penny socials, with grab bags and many booths for the capture of the pennies. Detectives abounded for the arrest of anyone violating the rules, who was immediately brought before the judge sitting on a high bench. The penalty was always in pennies.



Superintendent and Choir

A vested choir, started by the superintendent, R. Talmadge Rice, is under the leadership of Mrs. G. A. Faraday, an ideal chorister. She conducts rehearsals every Thursday afternoon with the children, and following that there is an hour of fun. She is assisted by Miss Alberta McNeeley and Mrs. Rice as pianists.

At the close of the Sunday school session the whole school is led by the choir into the church auditorium at eleven o'clock where they all sit together in a section reserved for them. Harvey V. Miller, the pastor, preaches a short sermon to them, after which those who desire to may retire.

OUR WASHINGTON NEWS

State Evangelist Clyde will supply Bellingham for the months of June and July.

It is proposed to continue the services of C. E. Hesselgrave, as student pastor at the University of Washington, for another year, on full time,

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The executive Commttee of the Washington Conference heartily endorses the movement at the University of Washington looking toward the establishment of a School of Religion. The movement has grown out of the work of the student pastors of various denominations and the cordial relations established between the University and this group.

Rev. P. E. Bauer, who recently resigned as pastor of the Green Lake Congregational Church, Seattle, is now located in Bellingham and will open a branch of a well-known music house, in the new Fine Arts Building of that city.

Pilgrim and Corbin Park churches, of Spokane, have voted to unite and expect to erect a new building. Plymouth Church, after considering the proposition of uniting with the other two, continues by itself.

H. L. Rowley, of Douglas, Alaska, has closed his work there, where he has served the church in connection with the local high school. He expects to continue his studies in Berkeley and attend the Pacific School of Religion.

Rev. H. A. Luckenbach has resigned as pastor of Pilgrim Church, Spokane, to take effect June 1.

The Puget Sound Chapter of the Oberlin Alumni Association gathered at Plymouth Church, Seattle, May 16, and dined together in honor of President King of Oberlin College.

The Protestant ministers of West Seattle have been meeting once a week for prayer and conference since the beginning of the church year, last fall. The final meeting before vacation was held at Fairmount Congregational Church, May 15th when nine pastors and their wives took supper together. There were also present, Hubert Spalding, local secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and his wife, and Rev. A. J. Bailey, one of the deacons of Plymouth Church, who lives on the West Side.

The institutional work of Fauntleroy Congregational Church, Seattle, for the season closed May 11th, when a supper, popularly known as a "Bean Feed," was served to the members of the Manual Training Classes by parents and friends. There were 112 boys and girls present.

The First Congregational Church of Los Angeles has provided $700 to pay the expenses of a group of young people for attendance upon the Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar from July 10th to 20th. This shows a fine recognition of the permanent value of this conference. If only other churches would go and do likewise.

THE PASSING OF A PIONEER.

Dr. Dean Jewett Locke was the founder of the town of Lockeford. His bride of the early days—Delia Marcella Locke—who came from Massachusetts to California with him in July 1855, has just passed over the Great Divide at the age of nearly eighty-seven years.

Mrs. Locke was a charter member of the Congregational church of Lockeford; and all these years has been a loyal supporter of it. She was the mother of 13 children; the grand-mother of 40, one of whom is Dr. Alma Cooke missionary to China; and the Great Grandmother of 25 more. There are many to rise up and call her blessed.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Evolution of the Country Church: By Prof. Warren H. Wilson, Ph.D., author of The Church in the Open Country. Pages 259; price $2.25. The Pilgrim Press, Boston, Mass.

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